

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, ~~Aug~~, 187

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sympathy on this sad & solemn occasion:

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